COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, February 22nd, 1886.

A meeting of the City Council was held ast night in the Council Chamber, City all. Present: Mayor Hodgens, Ald. 'Meara, Kingston, McDonald, Browne, ook, Stringer, Dawson, Garrett, Boyd, utkins, Heaman, Bartlett, Taylor and atson.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From J. J. Cuthbertson, of the A. O. F.—sking the use of the East End Hall on the th of March. Granted.

From the Department of Immigration—cknowledging the receipt of the petition gainst assisted immigration, and stating that since the year 1876 no money has een spent by the Ontario Government in e manner indicated in your memorial." iled.

From the Department of Agriculture, ttawa—Acknowledging receipt of petition ainst assisted immigration and stating at it would receive due consideration. ed.

From Forest City Assembly, No. 3,305, nights of Labor—Asking for the free use the City Hall on March 4. Granted.

From the East Middlesex Farmers' Insti-te—Asking for the free use of the City all on March 5 and 6. Granted.

From the city of Ottawa—Asking co-eration in memorializing the Government Ontario to pass an act giving city munici-lities more power over the expenditure the maintenance of police, public and parate schools, etc. No. 1.

From John Healy—Claiming remunera-on for damages to his lot on Elizabeth reet on account of grading. No. 2.

Official return of the election in No. 3 rd for public school trustee—MacArthur, 5; Durdin, 212; majority for MacArthur, 3. Filed.

From Wm. Mason—Enclosing his account services as constable, $1 50. Ordered to be id.

From Chas. Lilley—Stating that the undary stone on the corner of Dundas d Adelaide streets had been removed, and t if it was not replaced litigation might ne. No. 2.

Communications re taxes from Rev. T. ttrass, Mrs. Goldsmith, Margaret Don-ly, James Kickham, Mrs. Brophy, Rev. m. Godwin, A. R. Galpin, Henry Taylor, lie Oxley, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Mc-gall, O. E. Brener and Agnes J. Portwood were referred to No. 1.

From the McClary Manufacturing Company—Stating that they were about to increase the capital stock of their company from $100,000 to $500,000 and to extend their business accordingly, and asking that they be granted exemption for ten years upon all their assessable property over $100,000, and to be supplied with city water at an annual charge of not more than $200.

Mr. McClary was heard in support of the petition. He said in making the proposition he did not wish to ask for anything unreasonable. He referred to the disadvantage of being at one end of the Province, and the expense of shipping and importing goods and material from and to the other. They could increase their capital by issuing debentures, which would not be assessable only on their earnings. He therefore believed it reasonable to ask for the exemption without issuing debentures. He wanted to increase the capital of the company so as to extend their business largely in new lines. If the Council met them fairly they were prepared to go on and erect more buildings at once. All they asked was that their taxes and water rates be limited to what they were at present. He felt sure the city would not lose anything by the proposition, whether granted or not, in the end. In the matter of the number of hands to be employed he declined to make any extravagant promises, but said he would extend his business here to its utmost limit.

Ald. Kingston moved, seconded by Ald. O'Meara—That the prayer of the petition be granted. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Stringer—That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a bylaw granting Mr. McClary the exemption he asked for. Carried.

REPORT OF NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Boyd, chairman: Your committee recommend as follows—1. That the cases of Mrs. Ellen Stanley, matron of the General Hospital, Thomas Croden and John D. Riddell, permanent firemen, be recommended to the notice of the Salaries Committee for an increase of $50 per annum each. 2. That the tender of James Cowan & Co., for eight boxes street lamp glass 8x10 and 10x12, $3 50, 12x14, 14x16, $3 75 per box be accepted. 3. That Maurice Baldwin's tender for relief wood at $4 31½